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1. WE WERE TOLD ON SEPTEMBER 11 BY PAGNIEZ (QUAI CHIEF

OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS) THAT FRANCE INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATO DISCUSSIONS OF NATO STANDARDIZATION. ECHOING LINE IN REF A, HE SAID THAT DE ROSE HAD MADE THIS GOF POLICY CLEAR IN COURSE OF TUESDAY PERMREP LUNCH. HE COMMENTED THAT FRANCE FORESEES NATO DISCUSSION IN NAC AS A PROCESS TO DEFINE EXACTLY WHAT THE NATO ALLIES MEAN BY "NATO STANDARDIZATION." IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT THE FRENCH INTEND TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SEEKING DEFINITION OF THE NATURE OF THE SUBJECT AND THE DIMENSION OF THE OPPORTUNITIES.

2. SEEN FROM PARIS PERSPECTIVE, WE BELIEVE NAC MEETING ON NATO STANDARDIZATION NEXT WEEK (REF B) WOULD HELP PREPARE GROUND FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO DISCUSS SUBJECT DURING HIS VISIT TO PARIS.
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